

**Key Messages for Acting Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg
Gold King Mine
August 13, 2015 (Michelle Prizadeh will update you daily on the latest)**

- The incident at Gold King Mine was unfortunate and tragic.
- EPA is coordinating with state and local authorities to take all appropriate actions, including providing water to affected communities and offering free testing of private wells.
- Administrator McCarthy was in Colorado and New Mexico last week overseeing response efforts.
- Wednesday night (8/12), EPA released data from Aug. 5-9, which shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake **has returned to pre-event water quality levels.**
- Regarding irrigation, EPA issued a \$500,000 work assignment on Monday for the delivery of water for irrigation and livestock in New Mexico. This service was previously being provided by San Juan County, NM and we are making deliveries. We understand the importance of the irrigation systems and are providing data to local jurisdictions to make informed decisions.
- EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.